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March 10, 2017

### Via Courier Service

Honorable Judge Harvey Bartle, III. Eastern District of Pennsylvania James A. Byrne U.S. Courthouse 601 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19106

Re: Langer v. Capital One Auto Finance, No 16-6130-HB

Dear Judge Bartle:

I am writing in preparation for our conference call on Monday, March 13, 2017 concerning the above-captioned matter to provide the Court with some additional information which is relevant to a productive discussion.

One of the main sticking points in the discovery of this case is our inability to obtain the policies and practices the Defendant has employed regarding the challenged forms. Whether or not all class members are subject to the same procedure is an issue relevant to class certification.

Document Request No.2 from Plaintiff's First Set of Class Discovery sought:

2. All DOCUMENTS which CONCERN, describe, or relate to YOUR practices, policies, and/or procedures for: (a) SENDING FORMS, notices, or writings of any type whatsoever in connection with the repossession of a vehicle, the fees charges or costs incurred relating to the repossession and/or storage of repossessed vehicles, the resale of a vehicle post-repossession during the RELEVANT PERIOD; (b) the collection of any DEFICIENCY during the RELEVANT PERIOD; (c) the credit reporting of CUSTOMERS accounts and any DEFICIENCY or

other amount reported, and, (d) the issuance or use of IRS 1099-C Forms during the RELEVANT PERIOD.

This request includes but is not limited to any and all collection manuals, handbooks, or other directives which were drafted during or otherwise CONCERN the RELEVANT PERIOD.

Defendant interposed a lengthy objection as detailed in my letter to Your Honor dated March 3, 2017 (overly broad, unduly burdensome, irrelevant, improperly seeing proprietary information, trade secrets, etc.). Nevertheless, Defendant produced a 3-page heavily redacted document (<u>Exhibit 1</u>) which is grossly deficient.

- No Policy Regarding Forms Disclosed: This document fails to address any policies and procedures associated with the form notices sent to Plaintiffs or putative class members (i.e., particularly forms: "NOI\_PA\_739" Form "NOI\_PA\_839" and "Deficiency\_Balance\_Gen 600" (Exhibits 2, 3, and 4) for the putative class period.
- 2. Policy Unduly Limited in Time Period: The first page of Defendant's "policy document" shows that the document is effective as of Sunday, 2/1/2015, even though Plaintiffs' class period goes back 6 years¹ from the filing of the complaint and we need policies and procedures during that entire period.
- 3. <u>Redactions Improper</u>: As there is a confidentiality order entered (Doc. 10), there should be no redactions to this document. Indeed, Defendant has clearly redacted the very substance of this document.
- 4. Matrix Improperly Withheld: Each of the three half-pages that make up this document refers to an "SLQ State Law matrix," which Defendant has failed to produce.
- Post-Sale Issue Not Disclosed: Among the issues in question is whether the Post-Sale Notice is sent to all persons. No policies or procedures regarding the Post-Sale Notice has been provided.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The statute of limitations for a Article 9 UCC claim is 6 years. *Cubler v. Trumark Credit Union*, 2013 Pa. Super 322, 83 A.3d 235 (2013).

With regard to Interrogatory 2, so as to not unduly delay the scheduling order, I ask that Defendant either provide me with an exact figure for the number of members in the Post-Sale Class Notice or simply stipulate to numerosity.

If these documents are provided on March 17, 2017 (the same day as the file production), and assuming that the depositions can be done immediately, I reasonably predict that it will only be necessary that the case management deadline to be set back 10 days (the time period that the Defendant needed to produce the requested files). I would like a few days to review the policy/practice related documents prior to a corporate deposition. I simply request the concomitant adjustment to the case management order as afforded to the Defendant to produce the requested documents.

I understand that these are the type of issues that the parties should be able to resolve themselves, and I sincerely regret having to raise discovery issues such as this with the Court. Please know that I have made a good faith effort to limit both the scope and the depth of Plaintiff's discovery so as not to unreasonably burden Defendant or this Court with discovery-related issues.

Again, if Your Honor would like me to reduce this issue to a motion, please let me know, and I will immediately accommodate. Thank you for your willingness to address this discovery issue. A proposed order is attached.

Sincerely,

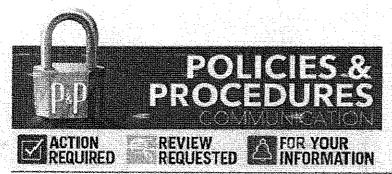
SHEMKAN INJURY LAWYERS, LLC.

Richard Shenkan

Attorney for Plaintiffs

Enclosure

cc: Christine Debevec / Samantha Kats (via fax at (215) 564-8120)



All Associates...



Notice of Intent (NOI) Backend Table Expiration Changes – 10 States Effective Sunday (2/1/2015), the expiration date for the following NOI letters will change:

The Notice of Intent (NOI) letter is valid for 10 calendar days, with the exception of the following states:

- 15 calendar days:
- 20 calendar days:
- 21 calendar days:

Please see your manager with any questions, and the <u>SLQ State Law</u> matrix for more information.

EXHIBIT

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## Reinstatement State Chart

Page Last Updated: 12/2/2014 Annual Review Date: 12/2/2014

#### Overview

The following chart outlines states that have specific requires around borrowers being able to reinstate their accounts. Follow standard reinstatement and decline procedures as outlined on the Reinstatement/Redemption procedures for states not listed below.

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Refer to the SLQ State Law matrix for more information.

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Capital One Auto Finance 7933 Prestion Road Plano, TX 75024 1-800-946-0832

RANDY T LANGER JAMES M LANGER 606 SUMMITT ST MCKEESPORT, PA 15132-1355 07/03/15

Account #: 5206211870195 Vehicle: 07 TOYOTA SCION VIN: JTKDE177870196199

Explanation of Calculation of Surplus or Deficiency

Dear RANDY I LANGER
JAMES M LANGER

Capital One Auto Finance is the owner and holder of the above referenced account. Under the terms of the Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement for the account, and pursuant to applicable law, Capital One Auto Finance sold the collateral (vehicle) pledged to secure the indebtedness for the sum of \$4,700.00. After applying the net proceeds from the sale, along with any applicable refunds, as required by the terms and conditions of the loan contract, a Deficiency Balance remains, in the amount of \$5,500.77, for which you remain liable under your Agreement.

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Future expenses, charges, additional interest, credits and refunds may affect the amount of the deficiency/surplus. The above referenced deficiency balance is due in full. Your immediate attention is requested. Please remit payment of the full

Capital One Auto Finance P.O Box 261930 Plano, TX 75026-1930

You may contact Capital One Auto Finance at the above address or by calling us at 1-800-946-0332. Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time, if you wish to have additional information about the transaction. You are entitled without charge to one explanation of calculation of surplus or deficiency during any 6 month period in which you

This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt; any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

All of Capital One Auto Finance's claims, demands and accruals regarding the above described indebtedness, whenever made and whether for principal, interest or otherwise, are intended to comply in all respects, both independently and collectively, with applicable laws, and are accordingly limited so that applicable laws are not violated.

Sincerely, Capital One Auto Finance

Capital One Auto Finance is a division of Capital One, National Association, and services the following Capital O

exhibit 2



Capital One Auto Financo 7933 Proston Road Plano, IX 75 024 1-800-735-87 19

CERTIFIED MAIL

JAMES M LANGER
RANDY TLANGER
606 SUMMITT ST
MCKEESPORT PA 15132

04/17/15

NO TICE OF REPOSSESSION AND NOTICE OF OUR PLAN TO SELL PROPERTY

RE:

07 TOYOTA SCION VIN# JEOE177870195189

Dear JAMES M LANGER

We have your 07, TOYOTA, SCION, VINE JRDE177870136189 because you broke promises in our agreement. We will sell die Vehicle at a private sale sometime after 04/27/16. A sale could include a lease or floures.

The money that we get from the sele (after paying our costs) will reduce the amount you owe. If we get less money than you owe, you will still owe us the difference. If we get more money than you owe, you will get the extra money, unless we must pay it to someone else.

You may be able to get your property back at any time before we soil it by paying either the relastatement or redemption amount. To learn the exact amount you must pay, call us at 1-800-735-8719 or see the attached Rehistatement and Redemption Hollog.

If you want us to explain to you in writing how we figured the amount that you own us, you may call us at 1-800-735-8719 or write us at ATTN: CCAF Vehicle Remarketing, Capital One Auto Finance, 7933 Presion Road, Plano, TX 75024, and request a written explanation.

If you need more information about the sale, call us at 1-800-735-3719. Monday through Friday, from 8:60 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Timo, or write us at ATTN: COAF Vehicle Remarketing, Capital One Auto Finance, 7933 Preston Road, Pizno, TX 75024.

We are sending this notice to any co-borrower or obligar who have an interest in the Vehicle of who owe money under your agreement. RANDY TLANGER

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Case ID: 161000560



Capital One Auto Finance 79:33 Preston Road Plano, TX 75:024 1:800-735-8719

You may make arrangements to pick up any personal property left in the Vehicle by contacting the

following contpany
ARS - WPA
4926 Pleasant Unity Rd
LATROBE PA 15650 (724) 423-8833

We will hold the personal property for 30 days from the date of this notice and you may recisim the property during that time. If you do not recisim your personal property during that time, we may dispose of it in the same manner as we dispose the Vehicle.

See the conclused Reinstatement and Redemption Notice for an itemization of the amount condition to redeem and further exchanging of your additional rights.

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CERTIFIED MAIL

06/09/15

PHILADELPHIA PA 19120-3019

NO TICE OF REPOSSESSION AND NOTICE OF OUR PLAN TO SELL PROPERTY

RE: CUSTOMER ACCOUNT NUMBER: W. VIN#:

Dear Million Company

We have your VIN# See that the because you broke promises in our agreement. We will sell the Vehicle at a private sale sometime after 06/19/15. A sale could include a lease or license.

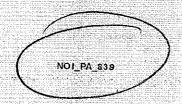
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We are sending this notice to any co-borrower or obligor who have an interest in the Vehicle or who owe money under your agreement.







Capital One Auto Finance 7933 Preston Road Plano, TX 75024 1-800-735-8719

You may make arrangements to pick up any personal property left in the Vehicle by contacting the following company

Peak Services - Cinnamison 2101 WALLACE BLVD CINNAMINSON, NJ 08077 (856) 786-7500

We will hold the personal property for 30 days from the date of this notice and you may reclaim the property during that time. If you do not reclaim your personal property during that time, we may dispose of it in the same manner as we dispose the Vehicle.

See the enclosed Reinstatement and Redemption Notice for an itemization of the amount required to redeem and further exclamation of your additional rights.

Sincerely,

Subbu Rajasimhan

Capital One Auto Finance

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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RANDY LANGER and JAMES LANGER,	) CIVIL ACTION		
Plaintiffs,			
<b>V</b>	)   No.: 2:16-CV-06130-НВ 		
CAPITAL ONE AUTO FINANCE, a division of CAPITAL ONE, N.A.,			
Defendant.			
ORDER			
AND NOW this day of, 2	017, after consideration of Plaintiff's		
request to compel Capital One to fully answer In	iterrogatory 2(b) and Document Request		
2(a), the request is hereby GRANTED. Capital One also shall produce copies of all			
policy(s), practice(s), and procedure(s) pertaining to forms identified by Capital One as			
"Defiency_Balance_Gen_600" "NOI_PA_739" and NOI_PA_839" and "SLQ State Law			
Matrix" which were in effect at any time within the putative class period. These			
discovery responses shall be provided within	days of this Order. All deadlines in		
the present Case Management Order are extend	led bydays.		
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